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SUBJECT: AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL REP VISIT

1. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE VISIT EUGENE GRASBERG IVORY COAST
APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS BEGINNING MAR 9. ARRIVES FLT. 50
AIR AFRIQUE 10:30 AM. REQUEST SINGLE RESERVATION HOTEL TIAMAM

2. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS INITIATED BY DIABY OUATTARA LAST
SUMMER, THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL (ABC) WAS INVITED BY THE GOIC
(MINISTER DIAWARA) IN AUGUST 1974 TO PREPARE AN AGRICULTURAL
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MISSION TO IVORY COAST. THIS WILL INVOLVE
EVENTUAL VISIT BY SEVERAL U.S. AGRIBUSINESS FIRMS TO LOOK AT
SPECIFIC PROJECTS IDENTIFIED BY GOIC AND ABD BEFOREHAND.
SUCCESSFUL SIMILAR MISSION RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN HAITI.
EUGENE GRASBERG CONSULTANT WHO WROTE OPIC AGRIBUSINESS SURVEY
OF IVORY COAST JAN 1974 HAS BEEN SELECTED BY ABC TO BEGIN
PREPARATION FOR MISSION. GRASBERG'S OBJECTIVE IS TO EXPLAIN
HOW ABC MISSION WILL BE ORGANIZED AND DISCUSS WITH GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS NEED TO DEVELOP PROJECT PROFILES WHICH WOULD BE OF
INTEREST TO U.S. FIRMS. GRASBERG HAS BEEN BRIEFED ABOUT OPIC
BRIEFINGS AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION MISSION IN APRIL AND WILL
MEET WITH BOB SVENSK, OPIC TWO-WEEK "RESIDENT" ON HIS RETURN
TO U.S. TO REVIEW POSSIBLE PROJECT FOLLOW-UP WORK. OPIC
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AND ABC WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT.

3. REQUEST APPOINTMENTS FOR GRASBERG WITH FOLLOWING OFFICIALS
MIN DIAWARA, AGMIN SAWADOGO, NDA ROLAND FAVAREL, SODEFEL
DIRECTOR ERNEST NKOUMO MOBIO, ITIPAT DIRECTOR MICHEL TAHIRI
ZAGRET, BDI DIRECTOR KOUMAN, SONAFI DIRECTOR KONAN,
BIDI DIRECTOR DIBY. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES PROBLEM IN LAST THREE
OFFICIALS BECOMING CONFUSED BY GRASBERG AND SUBSEQUENT OPIC
VISITS, APPRECIATE EMBOFF KIMBLE DISCUSS WITH GRASBERG AND
POSSIBLY ACCOMPANY TO MEETINGS. ABC HAS CONTACTED OUATTARA
OF BIAO ABOUT GRASBERG VISIT; CALL TO HIM MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL.
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